Guidelines issued by Central Adoption Research Agency

2837. SHRI LALIT SURI : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the guidelines issued in 2004 by the Central Adoption Research Agency (CARA) regarding uniform procedure for adoptions in the country;

(b) the number of the orphaned and children in distress identified by CARA in the Tsunami hit areas who require rehabilitation;

(c) the number out of them who have been adopted in the country and by foreigners, separately; and

(d) the amount spent by CARA on rehabilitation of such children so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN):(a) These guidelines cover issues including adoption fees, age criteria for adoptive parents as well as for children to be adopted, safeguards, role of agencies and State Governments/UT Administrations

(b) and (c) CARA does not identify orphaned children. CARA does not regulate and monitor domestic adoptions which is done by the State Governments. However, it has not issued "no objection certificate" in respect of any Tsunami orphaned child for inter-country adoption.

(d) Does not arise.

Harassment of dalits

†2838. DR. KUM KUM RAI : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that incidents regarding harassment of dalits have risen recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that laws related to prevention of harassment of dalits are proving ineffective; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.